

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 648

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Kevin Mahl and Mr. Jamie Rolewicz on their exemplary career at Champion Tire & Wheel and their meritorious service to the NASCAR racing industry.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly salute those persons who, through their hard work, expertise, and dedication, have distinguished themselves as leaders in their professions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such superlative individuals are Mr. Kevin Mahl and Mr. Jamie Rolewicz, co-owners of Champion Tire & Wheel; and

WHEREAS, based in Cornelius, North Carolina, Champion Tire & Wheel provides a specialized and much-needed service by hauling tires and wheels for teams in all three of NASCAR's national touring series; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Mahl and Jamie Rolewicz further fill NASCAR racers' needs by transporting pit boxes, crash carts, and any other items that do not fit onto NEXTEL Cup team haulers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mahl and Mr. Rolewicz got their start as Goodyear specialists in race tire engineering, and as a sideline business, partnered on site development and commercial building projects in Charlotte, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, it was during these ventures that the two men showed their trademark innovation, developing unique tire and wheel distribution ideas that provided the inspiration for their new venture; and

WHEREAS, in October, 2001, Kevin and Jamie started handling the Goodyear race tires used by the racing teams for setup and testing, which task evolved into them storing test and race wheels in the same location; and

WHEREAS, the following year, they bought three new tractors, started taking their new business on the road, and began providing the unique one-stop convenience that differentiates Champion from other similar companies; and

WHEREAS, today, Champion Tire & Wheel employs a full-time staff of 50, in addition to many part-time staffers, and boasts a fleet of 28 tractors and 31 custom-built trailers to help them provide their exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, to house their ever-expanding business, Kevin and Jamie have built their own 60,000 square foot headquarters, shop, and storage facility, where they apply engineering principles and provide performance attributes to ensure that their clients' cars are consistent throughout the course of a race; and

WHEREAS, Champion is noted for its attention to detail, which helps employees of the company complete their job of "pulling things off without a hitch", even when all of their trucks are operating at full capacity; and

WHEREAS, unwavering in their commitment to hard work, co-owners Kevin Mahl and Jamie Rolewicz can often be seen at the track on race weekends, working alongside the crew and helping them with their post-race responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize these excellent individuals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and salute Mr. Kevin Mahl and Mr. Jamie Rolewicz, co-owners of Champion Tire & Wheel, upon their celebrated careers and esteemed service to the NASCAR racing industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.